

DEATH CHEATS WEDDING

Bride-To-Be Flung From Veering Car

A carefree honeymoon trip came to a grim, premature conclusion early Saturday morning when the bride-to-be was flung out of a careening car against a tree, dying instantly of a broken neck.



MRS. JUNE R. HARVEY
... killed on honeymoon trip

Dead is Mrs. June Rose Harvey, 29, of Torrance. Mrs. Harvey and her fiancé, William R. McLean, 34, of 4006 W. 175th Place, were on their way to Las Vegas for a week-end honeymoon.

McLean stated that the car hit a big dip at 19th Street and Cornelian Ave. near Cucamonga around 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

The impact threw both out of the car. Miraculously, McLean only suffered a few scratches.

Like Whirlwind
"I don't think I was unconscious," McLean recalled. "I just felt as if I were caught in a whirlwind and just kept sliding. When I was through sliding, I just stood up and looked for the car."

The car was in the middle of a near-by field. It was completely demolished.

McLean said he looked for his fiancée but couldn't find her.

By A Tree
"I flagged a car. We backtracked and used the lights to see what we could. We found her lying by the tree. She was dead when we arrived," McLean described.

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COUNCIL BRIEFS

TRIBUTE: The City Council paid tribute to the late James W. Post who died this week by observing a few moments of silence. Post, who owned the Torrance National bank which recently became the California bank, was one of the city's pioneers.

MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS: Torrance drivers will now see their old friend, the motorcycle cop, back on the highway. Torrance police have added two motorcycles to the force. Motorcycles haven't been used here for 14 years.

SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSED: A resolution, passed recently, protesting the contamination of the Pacific Ocean near Manhattan backfired on the City Council. The Los Angeles City Council, involved in the matter, wants "proof" of contamination. Since the matter is really Manhattan's headache and since the resolution was simply passed as a neighborly gesture, Los Angeles "request" was "filed as a matter of record."

HODY'S RESTAURANT: The city attorney was instructed to draw up an option for a Hody's (Continued on Page 7)

Boy Dashes In Front Of Car, Killed

A nine-year-old Lomita boy was killed by an automobile last Thursday as he stepped out of his father's car, dashing between two cars into the path of an oncoming car.

Suffering fatal injuries was Joseph Daniel Kahler, son of Warrant Officer and Mrs. Harry E. Kahler of 2442 Pacific Coast Highway.

The accident occurred in front of the 259th Place school, 259th and Eschelman ave.

Police explained that the boy darted between two parked cars and then into the path of one driven by Mrs. Effie Lorraine Hart of 1835 W. 262nd st.

The lad was pronounced dead (Continued on Page 15)

2 Men Arrested In Cigarette Burglary

Some intensive sleuthing, in the best Dagnet tradition, resulted in the capture of two cigarette burglars who put Torrance detectives on the track of the recent \$12,000 cigarette burglary here.

Pleading guilty to stealing 18 cases of cigarettes were John Wesley Faircloth, 46, and Richard Young, 30, who live along Skid Row in Los Angeles, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Part Of Bigger Loot

The 18 cases of cigarettes were part of a much larger loot stored in the shed. It was believed that the cigarettes were part of the recent \$12,000 cigarette burglary here involving 100 cases of cigarettes. When detectives were finally led to the shed by Young the remaining cases had disappeared already.

The two are now in county jail after pleading guilty to burglary and receiving stolen property.

Young stumbled upon the shed-full of cigarettes when he went to unload bottles at a bottling company at 615 East 220th street, a few days after the bold \$12,000 burglary.

He returned the following day with Faircloth and the two of them loaded their pick-up truck full of cigarettes.

"We only took about one-tenth of what was there!" Young said.

Detectives worked on the barest clues in tracking down the suspects.

Shoeshine Boy Calls Cops
A shoeshine boy saw the truck-load of cigarettes in Los Angeles and called Los Angeles police. Los Angeles police contacted Det. Sgt. Bennett, in the (Continued on Page 15)

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Officials Dedicate New Walteria Postoffice



—Press Photo

SIX BIKE CARRIERS pedaled off to work when the Walteria postoffice officially opened last Friday. Helping one of the carriers to load up are (l to r): Congressman Cecil R. King,

Carrier Paul Smith, Torrance Postmaster, Clara Conner, and Bob Sleeth, Walteria station superintendent.

LATE NEWS

GET-OUT-THE-VOTE: Jay-Cettes will sponsor a Get-Out-the-Vote campaign the week prior to the November election. October 26 to November 2 will be proclaimed "Get-Out-the-Vote" Week.

GAS THEFT: William Richard Calder, 22, of 21606 Moneta was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail for stealing gas from generators in a housing tract at Sepulveda and Madison. The theft occurred Monday night.

IN FAVOR: The Business and Professional Woman's Club of Torrance went on record in favor of the proposed new civic center and swimming pool by way of resolution Monday night. Voters will decide the fate of the two bond issues October 19.

MANAGEMENT CLUB: Clyde E. Field, president of the National Supply company Management Club accepted the first place zone "A" award for the club at the National Association of Foreman's annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently. The award means that the club is the best in the area, which includes 35 clubs.

Add Annex to School Office

A temporary annex to the administrative offices has been opened by the School District at 2335 Plaza del Amo, Superintendent J. H. Hull, reported.

NEW RANCH-STYLE POSTOFFICE OPENS

The most unique postoffice building in California, according to postal officials was opened last Friday to serve as the new Walteria postoffice.

The building, located near the Fish Shanty on Pacific Coast highway (Walteria Village) is of a western ranch style to fit in with surrounding office buildings.

It features open beam ceilings with knotty pine paneling. Dignitaries

There to help Postmaster Clara Conner dedicate the building and cut the blue ribbon were:

Congressman Cecil King, Mayor Nicholas O. Drale, City Manager George Stevens, the Rev. Paul Wenske, George Hannan, superintendent of mails for Torrance; D. A. Pressly, post office building inspector; Robert Sleeth, Walteria post office superintendent; Darwin Parrish, school board official; and Lou Deininger, assistant Torrance postmaster.

The new station will be manned by Sleeth, Mrs. Maurietta Vaverka, sub-clerk, and nine carriers. Nearly 15,000 pieces of mail are handled by the crew daily.

10-Year Lease

Built by George Bauman, local businessman, the building is leased by the government on a 10-year basis. The post office is 6 times larger than the old postal branch, located at 24454 Hawthorne avenue, for the past eight years.

Other new additions were six new bikes, for use by carriers who work the outlying resi-

AL ROBERTS GOING TO NAVY SCHOOL

Alvin G. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Roberts of 1225 Hickory avenue went on active duty with the United States Navy on September 8.

More Winners In Oscar Maples Grid Contest

Enthusiastic football fans continue to compete for valuable merchandise prizes given away in the Oscar Maples' football contest now in its third week.

Rules and regulations may be found on page 20.

First, second, and third prize winners of \$20, \$10, and \$5 merchandise prizes last week were:

First place, J. C. Barry, 1023 Avenue F, Redondo Beach; second place, Rupert L. Buckalew, 1711 West 236th street, Torrance; third place, George B. Surber, 1109 Elm avenue, Torrance.

Winning a free lube job are: Earl K. Amundsen, Joseph (Continued on Page 15)

Crenshaw Signal To Slow Traffic On 'Murder Mile'

Plans are finally taking shape towards cutting down hazards along Highway 101, Torrance's notorious 'Murder Mile', with the proposed installation of traffic signals, costing \$15,000, at Crenshaw blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

A State survey has finally found traffic signals necessary at this corner. The city and the State will split the cost of the signals 50-50, according to action taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

The city has been campaigning for years to get the signal as well as to have Highway 101 channeled. Another step in the right direction was taken this week by the State when it announced that it would start channelizing Highway 101 from Hawthorne ave. to the Redondo Beach boundary.

Channelization of Pacific Coast Hwy. between Hawthorne Ave. and the Redondo Beach city limits is due to begin by next week, it was announced Monday by the State Division of Highways.

A \$148,388 contract for the work has been let by the division to the J. E. Haddock Construction Co. of Pasadena.

The work entails installation of an island along the middle of the stretch to separate opposing lanes of traffic. There will be turn lanes at intersections, providing protection for autos making left turns.

In addition, the shoulders on both sides of the thoroughfare will be resurfaced.

The work was ordered by the state agency after a three-year campaign by the city for more adequate traffic control in the vicinity.

James W. Post, Pioneer Resident, Banker Dies

Numerous friends and members of the family mourned the passing this week of James W. Post, 66, pioneer Torrance resident and banker. Post, who owned the Torrance National bank for many years before it became the California bank a few months ago, died of a heart condition early Monday morning.

Funeral services will be conducted this morning at the Stone and Myers chapel, Cravens and Engracia, at 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur E. Bello of the Saint Andrews Episcopal church officiating.

Pall Bearers

The following long-time friends of Post will act as pall bearers: Carl Warner, Sam Levy, Charles Ver Jones, George Provert, John McMillan, and George Lancaster.

Post was a member of the Torrance Rotary club. He was a 32nd degree Mason and the first commander of the American Legion, Bert Crossland Post No. 170.

The local Legion post is flying its flag at half-mast as a special tribute in memory of Post.

Post was born May 2, 1888 in York, Nebraska. He attended Amherst University in Massachusetts, coming to Torrance in 1912.

Starts Bank

He was a second lieutenant in World War I. He and his father started the Torrance National bank in 1918. Since the sale of the bank to California Bank recently, Post has served as vice-president.

Post was known as one of the leading civic-minded individuals in the community.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Mrs. Murray L. Rudnick, 1328 Acacia; two sons, George Post, 1322 Cranbrook and James Post, 1504 S. Catalina, Redondo Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Lancaster of Torrance, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Ventura, and Mrs. Jack Visel, Santa Ana.

JayCees To Visit Phone Co.

Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will visit the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today, preceded by a dinner at Club Alondra.



JAMES W. POST
... pioneer banker, dies.

IMPATIENT THIEF MAKES CRASH-ENTRY, GRABS LOOT

Anxiety got the better of a burglar Sunday when he became fed up with trying to pry the putty loose from around the window of the Half-Way House bar at Torrance airport. Instead, he just smashed the window, entered the bar, and made off with nearly \$1000 in cash and checks.

Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett and Sgt. Ted Morris reported Leo C. Grendler, part-owner of the Half-Way House, 3103 Pacific Coast highway, said a \$450 bank bar full of coins, \$225 in currency and silver, and \$190 in other change was taken from a green metal cash box.

Also, an unknown amount in checks, including a \$100 check payable to "cash," were removed.

The Torrance Branch of American National Red Cross this week issued gallon donor pins to the following:

Richard L. Whittaker, Russell J. Haynes, John R. Kies, Mrs. Evelyn Parks, Joseph A. Remlinger, Wilmer R. Smith. (Continued on Page 15)

Blood Bank Here Monday

The Torrance Branch of American National Red Cross this week issued gallon donor pins to the following:

Reveal Proposed New Civic Center Design

Torrance received its first view today of the city's proposed new civic center with the initial display of an artist's rendering of the city hall and police station designs submitted by Marion J. Varner, Pasadena architect.

"The two structures will be built of reinforced brick and concrete in a combination that will provide unusual beauty through variations in texture," Varner stated. "Furthermore, the same techniques that enabled us to rebuild the Inglewood city hall within the city's budget will also enable us to construct Torrance's buildings within the limits set by the city."

Model Police Station
"Fortunately, we are just completing the construction of a new police station for the city of Hawthorne and all of the research done to make this one of the outstanding structures of its kind has gone into the design of Torrance's police station. Furthermore, this building has just been selected by a group of state Correction Department officials as the most outstanding police station of its size on the Pacific Coast."

The city hall and police station combined will provide Torrance with approximately 30,000 square feet of sorely needed administrative space.

SELLS BED, NEEDS IT TO RECOVER

After selling her modern bed sofa, Mrs. Joseph Morgan of 23216 Falena practically needed a new one on which to recuperate.

It all happened this way. Mrs. Morgan placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE: Modern bed sofa and matching chair for sale, blue and gray combination, in good condition, \$25. Walnut coffee table, \$5. DA. 6-6461

By 9:15 a.m. Thursday morning the sofa and chairs were sold, but the calls just kept coming for days afterwards.

"I could have sold them a dozen times over," Mrs. Morgan exclaimed.

Mrs. Morgan was surprised, but the many pleased Torrance Press classified advertisers could have predicted the results. To place an inexpensive sure-fire ad, call FA. 8-2345.

Survey Reveals Residents Favor New Civic Center, Swimming Pool

1. The present city hall and police station were constructed in 1936 to serve a population of 9,000. The present population is about 52,000. By 1960 this is to reach 150,000.

2. The present city hall is only one-third the size of Inglewood's hall. Inglewood's population is as large as Torrance's population. Torrance's police department is about one-fourth the size of Inglewood's police department.

3. The city hall and police station (one bond issue) will cost \$700,000. The cost to the average homeowner will be \$1.25 per year for the first year, decreasing thereafter. The figure is based on homes costing \$10,000 to \$12,000 and which are assessed at \$2,500.

4. It takes two-thirds of the votes cast to pass the bond issues.

5. The other bond issue calls for a \$250,000 swimming pool. It will cost the average homeowner 50 cents a year.

Torrance's special election, scheduled for October 19, is only 12 more days away.

How do Torrance residents and property owners feel about a new city hall, police station, and swimming pool as called for on the ballot? The city hall and police station constitute one bond issue, the swimming pool another.

The Torrance Press decided to make a spot-survey. Here's what we found out:

MRS. W. C. BOSWELL, 2842 Onrado, Torrance Plaza: City hall, police station, and pool... I'm for them 100%.

MRS. J. A. EISENBRANDT, 1012 Acacia, Torrance: Relocating the civic center would provide more shopping area downtown.

MRS. LYNN HALE, 5131 Mondora dr., Sepulveda Gardens: Sounds good (all three of them).

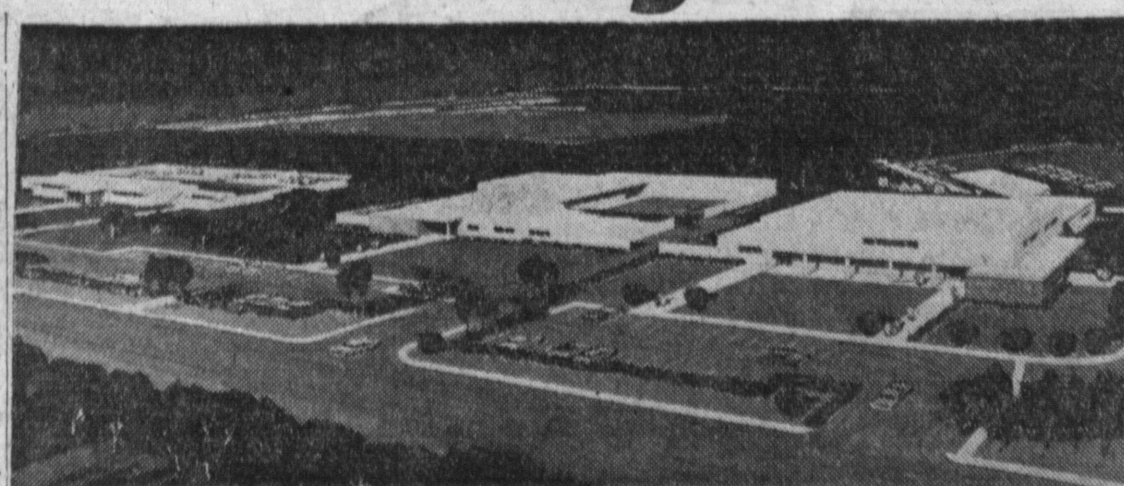
MRS. E. G. LAUGHNEY, 1027 Kornblum ave.: We're all for it... no one has to convince us.

MRS. AMELIE MCKNIGHT, 1314 Greenwood: I'm certainly in favor of all of them and will certainly turn out to vote.

MRS. HARRY L. GRIFFIN, 433 Via La Selva, Hollywood Riviera: Haven't given it much thought but it sounds good.

MRS. J. W. GUYAN, 2119 Gramercy: I'd be for the pool but my husband is against it. He believes that we need more schools than swimming pools.

MRS. OMER GWYN, 1225 Acacia: I'm certainly not in favor



PROPOSED CIVIC CENTER... The new city hall, police station and swimming pool are to be located on the north side of Torrance blvd., between Maple and Madrona if the bond issues pass at the special election, October 19. The structures were designed by Marion J. Varner, Pasadena architect.

MRS. EARL A. MILES, 2303 Andree: The city is expanding to a point where we need all of the pool. I don't feel it's necessary. Taxes are higher each year. City hall and police station... not too sure, but don't think we need them now.

ALBERT MILLER, 2826 Eldorado: I like it. I voted for the bonds the last time and will vote for them again this time.